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IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF

BETZ ET AL.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO: PCT/EP03/07349

FILED: 8 JULY 2003

U.S. APPLICATION NO: 10/520,568 ✓

35 USC §371 DATE: Herewith

FOR: LIQUID FORMULATIONS WITH HIGH CONCENTRATION OF  
HUMAN GROWTH HORMONE (HGH) COMPRISING 1,2-  
PROPYLENE GLYCOL

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Notification to File Missing Parts under 35 U.S.C §371 of July 25, 2005 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on September 25, 2005. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

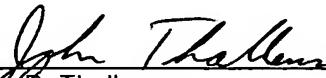
Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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